



**A New State of the Arts: Reimagined, Reinvented, Restored**  
**January 26 – 28, 2021**

**CONFERENCE RESOURCES**

**January 27, 2021**

- **Opening Plenary**
  - 21|24 Virginia Commission for the Arts [Strategic Plan](#)
  - [Roscoe Burnems](#), Inaugural Poet Laureate, City of Richmond
- **Breakout Sessions**
  - **Deficit Is Not a Dirty Word**  
Presenter: Cyrus Pace, Executive Director, [The Jefferson Center](#)
  - **The Role of Arts Education in Diversifying the Field**  
Presenter(s):
    - Quanice Floyd, Executive Director, [Arts Education in Maryland Schools](#); Founder and Executive Director, [Arts Administrators of Color Network](#)
    - Lecolion Washington, Executive Director, [Community Music Center \(Boston\)](#);
    - John V. Brown, Vice Provost of Music, Professor of the Practice of Music, and Director of the [Duke Jazz Program, Duke University](#) (Durham)
  - **Public Art in Response to Communities in Crisis**  
Presenter(s):
    - Kate Pittman, Executive Director, [ViBE Creative District](#) (Virginia Beach);
    - Ashley Hawkins, Executive Director, [Studio Two Three](#) (Richmond);
    - Alan Goffinski, Executive Director, [Bridge PAI](#) (Charlottesville)
  - **Putting Action to Deeds: How Two Theatres Are Bringing Equity to the Forefront**

Presenter(s):

- Phil Whiteway, Managing Director, [Virginia Repertory Theatre](#);
- Katrinah Carol Lewis, Co-Artistic Director, [Virginia Repertory Theatre](#) (Richmond);
- Katy Brown, Producing Artistic Director, [Barter Theatre](#);
- Patrice Foster, Director, [Barter Theatre](#);
- Quinton Cockrell, Playwright, [Barter Theatre](#) (Abingdon)

- **[The Rise of Creative Youth Development - Frameworks, Trends, and Models - Part 1](#)**

Presenter(s):

- Matt D'Arrigo, Director, Creative Youth Development, [The Clare Rose Foundation](#), San Diego, CA;
- James Halliday, Executive Director, [A Reason to Survive \(ARTS\)](#), San Diego, CA;
- Brandon Steppe, [David's Harps Foundation](#), San Diego, CA;
- Catherine (Cat) Corral, Co-Founder and Executive/Artistic Director, [transenDANCE, San Diego, CA](#)

- **[Wellness Wednesday: Taking Time to Practice Self-Care](#)**

Presenter(s):

- Mary-Mitchell Campbell, Orchestrator and Musical Director; Founder, [Artists Striving to End Poverty](#), Wellness Wednesday (New York City);
- Dr. Keith Bell, Licensed Acupuncturist, Co-host, Wellness Wednesday (Richmond)

- **[Leading through Crisis: How Arts Leaders Have Cared for Organizations and Their Teams](#)**

Presenter(s):

- Cyrus Pace, Executive Director, [The Jefferson Center](#);
- Ryan Ripperton, Executive Director and Chief Inspiration Officer, [SPARC](#);
- Karen Phillion, President and CEO, [Virginia Symphony Orchestra](#)

- **[The Rise of Creative Youth Development - Frameworks, Trends, and Models - Pt. 2](#)**

Presenter(s):

- Matt D'Arrigo, Director, Creative Youth Development, [The Clare Rose Foundation](#), Sanaling Arts Diego, CA;
- James Halliday, Executive Director, [A Reason to Survive \(ARTS\)](#), San Diego, CA;
- Brandon Steppe, [David's Harps Foundation](#), San Diego, CA;
- Catherine (Cat) Corral, Co-Founder and Executive/Artistic Director, [transenDANCE, San Diego, CA](#)

- **[How The Healing Arts Continue to Meet the Need](#)**

Presenter(s):

- Dr. David Trinkle, Geriatric Psychiatrist, Commissioner – Virginia Commission for the Arts (Roanoke);
- Dr. Niyati Dhokai, Research Assistant Professor, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Program Director, [Veterans and the Arts Initiative](#), [Hylton Performing Arts Center](#) (Manassas);

- Mark Hierholzer, President and Founder, [Art for the Journey](#) (Richmond);
- Cynthia Paullin, Executive Director, [Art for the Journey](#) (Richmond)
- **Encore Session: [Breaking the Sound Barrier](#)**  
Presenter:
  - Afa S. Dworkin, President & Artistic Director, [The Sphinx Organization](#)

## **January 28, 2021**

### **• Breakout Sessions**

- **[ARTS IMPACT NOW. Action Planning for Equity and Empowerment](#)**  
Presenter(s):
  - Douglas Jackson, [Arts and Culture Coordinator, City of Roanoke](#);
  - Macklyn Mosely, Library Services Assistant, [Roanoke Public Libraries](#)
- **[Performing and Presenting in a Post-Pandemic World](#)**  
Presenter(s):
  - Rebecca A. Ferrell, Director of Programs, [Dance/USA](#) (Washington, DC);
  - Krista Bradley, Director, Programs and Resources, [Association of Performing Arts Professionals \(APAP\)](#) (Washington, DC)
- **[New Fine Arts SOLs and Working with Schools in the Year Ahead](#)**  
Presenter(s):
  - Kelly Bisogno, Fine Arts Coordinator, [Virginia Department of Education](#) (Richmond);
  - Sheila Arnold, [Storyteller and Teaching Artist](#) (Hampton);
  - Heidi Rugg, Teaching Artist/Founder, [Barefoot Puppets Theatre](#) (Richmond)
- **[Unconscious Bias: What It Means in Leadership and Programming, Part 1](#)**  
Presenter:
  - Jessica Hawthorne, Director of Programs, [Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities](#)
- **[Unconscious Bias: What It Means in Leadership and Programming, Part 2](#)**  
Presenter:
  - Jessica Hawthorne, Director of Programs, [Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities](#)
- **[Creative Fundraising in Challenging Times](#)**  
Presenter(s):
  - Keith Curtis, President, [The Curtis Group](#);
  - Rob Cross, Executive Director, [Virginia Arts Festival](#) (Norfolk);
  - Shawn Puller, Executive Director, [Garth Newel Music Center](#) (Warm Springs);
  - Karen Phillion, [Virginia Symphony Orchestra](#) (Norfolk)
- **[Understanding Trauma and Building Resilience: The Brain at Work, Part 1](#)**  
Presenter:
  - John Richardson-Lauve, LCSW, [Childsavers](#) (Richmond)

- **[Understanding Trauma and Building Resilience: The Brain at Work, Part 2](#)**  
Presenter:
  - John Richardson-Lauve, LCSW, [Childd savers](#) (Richmond)
- **[Facing Change: Advancing Museum Board Diversity and Inclusion](#)**  
Presenter:
  - Grace Stewart, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Project Manager, [American Alliance for Museums](#)
- **[Creating Meaningful Arts Learning for Youth in the Virtual World](#)**  
Presenter(s):
  - Jennifer Edelen, Director, [Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts](#);
  - Valerie Branch, Teaching Artist, [Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts](#);
  - Stan Kang, Executive Director, [Educational Theatre Company](#)
- **[Virtually Yours: Strategies for Successful Virtual Programming](#)** Presenter(s):
  - Erin Harms, Deputy Director of Development and Director of Institutional Giving, [Signature Theatre](#) (Arlington)
- **[Building Resilience in An Age of Uncertainty for Artists and Arts Leaders](#)**  
Presenter:
  - [Beth Kanter](#), Trainer, Facilitator, Author